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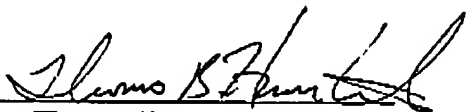
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The following set of Claims replace all prior listings of Claims in the Present Application

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1. (Currently Once Amended) A method of controlling an effective coefficient of friction between a first surface of a first element and a second surface of a second element, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a. configuring the first and second surfaces to be in slidable contact with one another along an interface of a contact pad surface between the first surface and the second surface and under a force sufficient to maintain contact and having a static friction therebetween; and
 - b. inducing a repetitive motion in the first surface parallel to the interface thereby altering the effective coefficient of friction along the contact pad surface.
 2. (Currently Once Amended) A method of controlling an effective coefficient of friction between a first surface of a first element and a second surface of a second element, the